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WASHINGTON, February 20, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 15 totaled 323,089, down 0.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.4 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.1 percent in the East and down 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 3,632 cars (28.9 percent), loadings of coal fell by 7,020 cars (5.4 percent), and metallic ores loadings decreased by 2,138 cars (13.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first seven weeks of 1992 totaled 2,187,525, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,026 trailers and containers for the week ended February 15, up 10.5 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of 1992 was 833,530 trailers and containers, 4.3 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 15 totaled 20.8 billion, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1992 was an estimated 141.0 billion ton-miles, up 4.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,351	29,907	1.5 %	31,148	-2.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,678	1,811	-7.3	1,806	-7.1
Metallic Ores	13,763	15,901	-13.4	13,928	-1.2
Coal	123,374	130,394	-5.4	124,679	-1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,494	10,811	-2.9	10,155	3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,229	8,463	-2.8	8,660	-5.0
Grain Mill Products	10,783	10,290	4.8	10,582	1.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,275	9,435	-1.7	9,283	-0.1
Primary Forest Products	9,287	9,169	1.3	9,222	0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,901	5,477	7.7	5,768	2.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,598	10,908	-2.8	10,490	1.0
Chemicals	29,824	29,975	-0.5	27,964	6.7
Petroleum Products	5,374	4,403	22.1	5,198	3.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,184	8,672	-5.6	8,430	-2.9
Coke	5,312	4,656	14.1	5,162	2.9
Metals & Products	9,884	8,681	13.9	10,481	-5.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,217	12,585	28.9	16,731	-3.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,386	8,022	4.5	8,214	2.1
All Other Carloads	6,175	5,808	6.3	6,602	-6.5
Total	**323,089**	**325,368**	**-0.7 %**	**324,503**	**-0.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 7 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**323,089**	**325,368**	**-0.7 %**	**2,187,525**	**2,149,433**	**1.8 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,609	59,415	7.1	401,472	414,217	-3.1
Containers	66,417	58,214	14.1	432,058	384,810	12.3
Total	**130,026**	**117,629**	**10.5**	**833,530**	**799,027**	**4.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.8**	**20.4**	**2.0 %**	**141.0**	**134.6**	**4.8 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 7, 1992 - TM.

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